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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Budget Subcommittee Hearings Start

The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services held its first hearing on the Governor's proposed budget. The Subcommittee heard two issues of importance to the County--the Healthy Families Program expansion for parents, and funding for the Los Angeles Eligibility Automated Determination Evaluation and Reporting (LEADER) System. Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services also commenced hearings, and focused on social services automation issues, which included LEADER.

Healthy Families Program

Subcommittee Chair Senator Chesbro stated that funding the parent expansion is the highest priority for the Senate Democratic Caucus. The Subcommittee voted to place \$241.8 million (\$88.5 million General Fund/\$153.3 Federal funds) on its "priority to fund" list, which would cover about 202,000 parents,. Final actions for all issues placed on the "priority to fund list" will be acted upon after the release of the May Revision.

LEADER

The County is requesting the Administration's approval, and the Legislature's support, to rollover current year unspent LEADER funds into the budget year to make major software modifications, in order to comply with State and Federal laws and regulations. Both the Assembly and Senate subcommittees voted to keep the item open, pending further discussions between the County and the Administration.

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Changes in Assembly Committee Assignments

Five members of Los Angeles County's Delegation have been appointed to chair key Assembly committees. Assembly Member Ed Chavez will chair the Revenue and Taxation Committee effective immediately. The following assignments will become effective in late August: Assembly Member Carol Liu, Chair designee, Higher Education Committee; Assembly Member Jackie Goldberg, Chair designee, Education Committee; Assembly Member Fran Pavley, Chair designee, Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee; Assembly Member Dario Frommer, Chair designee, Health Committee; and Assembly Member Gloria Negrete-McLeod, Chair designee, Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security Committee.

There have also been changes in the composition of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1 on Health and Human Services. Assembly Member Jay La Seur (R-La Mesa) replaces Assembly Member Sam Aanestad, and Los Angeles County's Assembly Member Judy Chu replaces Assembly Member Darrell Steinberg. Three of the five members on Subcommittee No. 1 are now County Delegation members: Gil Cedillo, Chair; Judy Chu and Keith Richman.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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